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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, LI

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MESSAGE FROM A.B. TOLBERT  
TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, DATED JANUARY 6, 1977 AND  
ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER, WAS RECEIVED AT THE  
WHITE HOUSE FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S SON A. BENEDICT  
TOLBERT WHO SIGNED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE IN THE LIBERIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

QUOTE. MY DEAR FRIEND:

THANKS IMMENSELY FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 9, CURRENT  
YEAR, WHICH I HASTEN TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH TREMENDOUS  
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APPRECIATION.

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT OUR PRAYERFUL WISH IS THAT YOUR  
ADMINISTRATION WILL BE A SUCCESS, AND THAT GOD WILL  
CONTINUE TO LEAD YOU IN THE RIGHT PATH. WE WISH TO  
REAFFIRM OUR BELIEF THAT GOD RAISED YOU AS A LIGHT TO  
THE WORLD. USE ISIAH (SIC) 61 AS THE KEY TO YOUR

SUCCESS, AS IT WILL LEAD YOU AND GUIDE YOU LIKE A  
LIGHT.

I SHALL BE VISITING AMERICA IN FEBRUARY ENSUING TO  
MEET WITH MY COUNTERPARTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-  
TIVES AND OF THE SENATE. I WOULD BE MOST DELIGHTED TO  
BE GRANTED AUDIENCE WITH YOU DURING THIS VISIT.

WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES FROM YOUR FRIEND AND  
BAPTIST BROTHER, PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR.

KINDEST REGARDS.

WITH SENTIMENTS OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM. UNQUOTE.

2. ON THE NEXT APPROPRIATE OCCASION PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE  
TO A.B. TOLBERT THE RECEIPT OF HIS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT  
CARTER AND SAY WE REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO  
FIND TIME IN THE PRESIDENT'S BUSY SCHEDULE FOR HIM TO  
RECEIVE MR. TOLBERT.

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